

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind
Policies and Procedures
Section: 1200
Subsection: Dangerous Weapons

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Reference: Idaho Code 18-3302D and 18-3313
Title 18 United States Code, Section 938
ISDB Policy on Suspension and Expulsions

Purpose: To establish guidelines for a weapon free school; Safe Learning Environment.

Policy:

Any student or employee who has in his/her possession (either on their person, in a purse, handbag, backpack, gym bag, locker or any other container) a firearm, explosives, or other deadly weapons as defined under Federal or State laws, while on school property, attending school sponsored activities, or being transported in school buses/vehicles, will be immediately suspended (with pay, for employees) pending the outcome of an investigation into the situation. Parents or other visitors found to have weapons in their possession while on school property will be asked to immediately remove them from school property. If any resistance is encountered, local law enforcement authorities will be called immediately.

Procedure:

The Superintendent or designee will hold an informal due process hearing within five (5) calendar days of the incident and verbally report the findings to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education (SBOE). If further action is deemed necessary, the Superintendent will make a formal written recommendation to the State Board through the Executive Director. If petitioned for expulsion the SBOE will, at its discretion, hold a hearing to consider appropriate action. The decision of the Board in these matters shall be final.

The definition of weapon includes, but is not limited to, dirk knife, Bowie knife, dagger, metal knuckles or any other object capable of being used as a weapon; Firearms of all types and description; Explosive devices or materials or commercial or home manufacture. This Policy does not include small key-ring style pocket knives or files, grooming or other similar sharp instruments, or any class of items generally considered “tools” located in various workshops on campus. It not the intention of this agency to restrict the rights of citizen’s under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Any staff member or visitor requesting to bring a firearm or dangerous weapon to ISDB for instructional purposes must have prior written approval from the Superintendent. Any student or staff member who is guilty of knowingly making a false report that a dangerous weapon or explosive device has been placed or secreted onto the campus shall be indefinitely suspended from the school; or in the case of an employee, immediately dismissed.

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